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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU WILL ATTEND CPSU CONGRESS

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1. ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO CPSU CONGRESS WILL CONSIST OF RCP
GENERAL SECRETARY NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, PRIME MINISTER MANEA
MANESCU, RCP SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS STEFAN ANDREI,
RCP POLEXCO ALTERNATE MEMBER AND SUCEAVA JUDET FIRST
SECRETARY MIU DOBRESCU AND ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO USSR GHEORGHE
BADRUS.

2. SOVIET EMBOFF TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELLOR RCP HAS SO INFORMED
CPSU. BULGARIAN DCM (TO DCM) AND POLISH AMBASSADOR (TO FRENCH
AMBASSADOR) CONFIRM THIS. POLISH DCM CLAIMS PLANNING BOSS MIHAI
MARINESCU WILL ALSO ATTEND, ESPECIALLY IF SOVIET PROMOTED
CEMA SUMMIT OCCURS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH CONGRESS. THIS IN TURN DE-
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PENDS ON RESULTS OF CEMA-EC TALKS ON UMBRELLA AGREEMENT.

3. SENIOR ROMANIAN JOURNALISTS EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR THAT REASONS FOR CEAUSESCU'S ATTENDANCE INCLUDE PRECEDENT OF HIS PARTICIPATION AT PREVIOUS CPSU CONGRESSES (REINFORCED BY THIS BEING 25TH), NEED TO PLACATE SOVIETS SOMEWHAT IN "EQUILIBRIST" POLICY AFTER ROMANIAN IMPUDENCE IN CEMA AND ECPC, REFUSAL TO ATTEND ANY CRIMEA MEETINGS TWO PREVIOUS YEARS AND OTHER EE PARTY CONGRESSES, JOING GROUP OF 77, AND SEEKING NON-ALIGNED OBSERVERSHIPBI SOURCE CONCURRED THAT SIGNS DURING PAST MONTH OR SO (REFTEL) INDICATED THAT CEAUSESCU WAS SETTING UP A SELECTIVELY MORE CONCILIATORY BILATERAL MOOD AT LEAST ATMOSPHERICALLY

, POSSIBLY ANTICIPATING HIS ATTENDANCE, WHILE BASIC ROMANIAN POLICY LINES REMAINED UNALTERED.

4. AMPLE PROTOCOL EXCUSES EXISTED SHOULD CEAUSESCU HAVE WISHED TO DUCK OUT, FOR EXAMPLE SOVIETS SENT ONLY KIRILENKO AND KATUSHEV TO RCP CONGRESS (NOVEMBER 1974), AND MARCHAIS AND TITO WILL BE AT LEAST TWO NON-ATTENDING NOTABLES FROM OTHER PARTIES. THUS ATTENDANCE IS SIGNIFICANT AS BENCHMARK OF HOW MUCH ESTRANGEMENT OR ASSOCIATION ROMANIANS CURRENTLY WISH TO DEMONSTRATE IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW.

5. AT 24TH PARTY CONGRESS IN 1971 ROMANIAN DELEGATION WAS CEAUSESCU, NICULESCU-MIZIL (ANDREI'S PREDECESSOR), FAZAKAS (ONE OF A NUMBER OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS) AND RAUTU (RCP POLEXCO MEMBER). PRESENT DELEGATION, THEREFORE IS COMPARABLE BUT SLIGHTLY WEIGHTIER Owing TO MANESCU'S INCLUSION, IF SOURCES ARE CORRECT ABOUT LATTER.

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